

REMARKS

This response is being submitted within three months after the shortened three-month term set for responding to the July 21, 2003 Office Action. Therefore, a petition and fee for an extension of time are enclosed herewith.

In item 6 on pages 3-7 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects currently pending Claims 1-10 for allegedly lacking enablement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Applicants respectfully traverse this objection because the originally filed application provides sufficient information to a person with ordinary skill in the art to enable that person to make and use the claimed invention. Consequently, the rejection in item 6 should be withdrawn.

In item 7 on pages 7-8 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects currently pending Claims 5 and 8 for allegedly being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Applicants respectfully traverse this objection because currently pending Claims 5 and 8 are believed to be sufficiently clear to a person with ordinary skill in the art in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Consequently, the rejection in item 7 should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any un-

claimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415. In particular, if this Response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this Response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this Response timely filed; and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account No. 12-0415.

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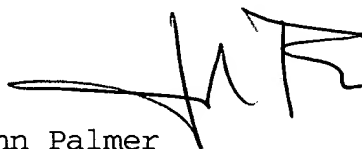
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